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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The application was filed in a language other than English. Applicant is required to provide an English translation of the specification and a statement that the translation is accurate. (See 37 CFR 1.52(d)).

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) (see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1)). See Figure(s) 2,6,7 - 10.

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE



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Docket No.: SHO-0025
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Takanobu ADACHI et al.

Application No.: 10/697,251

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Filed: October 31, 2003

Art Unit: N/A

For: GAMING MACHINE

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

RESPONSE TO

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

MS Missing Parts
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on February 1, 2005 requests replacement drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.84 and 37 C.F.R. §1.121. A copy of the Notice is provided along with this Response.

The Notice contends that the application was filed in a language other than English, and that the Applicant is required to provide an English translation of the specification and a statement that the translation is accurate.

In response to this contention, an English translation of the specification and a statement that the translation is accurate were timely filed on June 18, 2004, prior to the mailing date of the Notice. A copy of the English translation of the specification and the statement that the translation is accurate is provided along with this Response.

The English translation and the statement were accompanied with a postcard receipt. The postcard receipt bearing the Patent and Trademark Office Stamp provides *prima facie*

evidence that the English translation and the statement had been deposited with the Patent and Trademark Office on June 18, 2004. See M.P.E.P. §503. A copy of the postcard receipt is provided along with this Response.

The Notice further contends that the drawings contain text not in English.

Regarding the citation within the Notice of 37 C.F.R. §1.84(p)(2), this paragraph provides that “the English alphabet must be used for letters, except where another alphabet is customarily used, such as the Greek alphabet to indicate angles, wavelengths, and mathematical formulas.” A review of the drawings found within the specification as originally filed reveals the use of the English alphabet for letters.

Further note that 37 C.F.R. §1.84(p)(1) provides that “reference characters (numerals are preferred), sheet numbers, and view numbers must be plain and legible, and must not be used in association with brackets or inverted commas, or enclosed within outlines, *e.g.*, encircled.” A review of the drawings found within the specification as originally filed reveals the use of reference characters, sheet numbers, and view numbers that are plain and legible, and are not be used in association with brackets or inverted commas, or enclosed within outlines, *e.g.*, encircled.

The Notice specifically identifies figures 2, 6, and 7-10. However, the Notice fails to identify, with particularity, the alleged text within those figures found to be objectionable. In this regard, the Notice lacks clarity. Clarification is respectfully requested.

In addition, regarding figure 2, symbols that are shown are identified and clearly described within the specification as originally filed. For example, a description for elements 3L, 3C, and 3R is found at least in paragraph [0016]-[0025] and throughout. A description for elements 16, 17a, 17b, 17c, 18, and 19 shown within figure 2 is found at least in paragraph [0020] and throughout. This description is believed to be sufficient for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented. Moreover, the material found to be objectionable within that figure has not been set forth with particularity. Clarification is respectfully requested.

Regarding figure 6, all elements found within that figure have been identified and clearly described within the specification as originally filed. A description for elements of figure 6 is found at least in paragraphs [0030]-[0038] and throughout. This description is believed to be sufficient for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented. Moreover, the material found to be objectionable within that figure has not been set forth with particularity. Clarification is respectfully requested.

Regarding figures 7A and 7B, all elements found within that figure have been identified and clearly described within the specification as originally filed. A description for elements of figures 7A and 7B is found at least in paragraphs [0039]-[0045] and throughout. This description is believed to be sufficient for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented. Moreover, the material found to be objectionable within that figure has not been set forth with particularity. Clarification is respectfully requested.

Regarding figure 8, all elements found within that figure have been identified and clearly described within the specification as originally filed. A description for elements of figure 8 is found at least in paragraphs [0046]-[0059] and throughout. This description is believed to be sufficient for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented. Moreover, the material found to be objectionable within that figure has not been set forth with particularity. Clarification is respectfully requested.

Regarding figure 9, all elements found within that figure have been identified and clearly described within the specification as originally filed. A description for elements of figure 9 is found at least in paragraphs [0060]-[0062] and throughout. This description is believed to be sufficient for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented. Moreover, the material found to be objectionable within that figure has not been set forth with particularity. Clarification is respectfully requested.

Regarding figure 10, all elements found within that figure have been identified and clearly described within the specification as originally filed. A description for elements of figure 10 is found at least beginning at paragraph [0063]. This description is believed to be sufficient for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented. Moreover, the material found

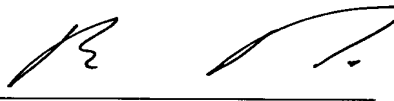
to be objectionable within that figure has not been set forth with particularity. Clarification is respectfully requested.

In view of the evidence submitted and the explanation provided hereinabove, withdrawal of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on February 1, 2005 is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed required. If a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 18-0013. Please charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any additional costs that may be incurred.

Dated: May 2, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (1 page) Part 2 Copy of Notice

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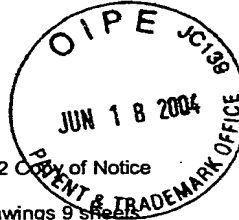
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